(b) if so, whether the Government propose to distribute anti-pest chemicals free to those whose crops are actually affected by the pests, or are about to be?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Pesticides and insecticides are sold by the Agriculture Department at half price to the ryots for application to food crops. In all the other cases full cost is collected.

" (b) No."

Absorption of police personnel of Pudukkottai State in Madras State Service.

9-20 a.m. * 316 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the entire personnel of the Police department of the pre-merger Pudukkottai State have been absorbed into the corresponding department of Madras State; and

(b) if so, when and on what service conditions, and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) All the personnel were absorbed with effect from 1st January 1949. They are given the Madras scales of pay which are more advantageous than what they were getting while in the State service. They were ordered to be on probation for a period of one year in the respective categories in which they were absorbed."

Number of suits for evictions filed in South Kanara district.

* 317 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how many suits for evictions have been filed by landholders against their tenants in the District Munsifs' Courts of—

(1) Coondapoor;

(2) Udipi;

(3) Karkal;

(4) Mangalore;

(5) Puttur;

(6) Kasaragod; and

(7) Hosdrug

of South Kanara district in the years 1951 and 1952?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"The number of eviction suits filed by landholders against their tenants in the District Munsif's Courts of South Kanara district in the years 1951 and 1952 (up to 30th June 1952) is as follows :—

	In the District Munsif's Court of	1951.	1952 (up to the end of June 1952).
1	Coondapoor ..	136	37
2	Udipi	215	94
3	Karkal	143	50
4	Mangalore	146	75
5	Puttur	97	46
6	Kasaragod	119	31
7	Hosdrug	159	51

MR. SPEAKER :—"Question No. 318. (At this stage the hon. Member Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty rose to put a supplementary question to question No. 317.) The hon. Member will please put a separate question."

Daily batta admissible to police constables for railway journeys.

* 318 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what the daily batta paid to police constables is when they travel and when they stay at places outside the headquarters?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"A statement[a] is placed on the table."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, on what basis is this daily batta actually fixed?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"On long practice, Sir."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"Is the Hon. Chief Minister satisfied that the long-standing practice is satisfactory?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"They are more or less satisfactory. Sir, it is very difficult to say a thing is satisfactory; but we have also to consider how much we can pay."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, if the old long-standing practice is being followed by the course of prices of foodstuffs?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"In lieu of that, daily allowance is given. We are again on the constables, Sir." (Laughter.)

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 860 infra.